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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: KANDAHAR CEMENT PLANT

REF: STATE 1529

1. RATHER THAN CONTACT UNIDO ADVISORS AS SUGGESTED PARA FIVE REFTEL, WE DECIDED TO GO DIRECTLY TO DEPUTY MINISTER OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES SALAH TO REGISTER OUR CONCERN OVER WHAT NOW APPEARS TO BE AFGHAN FOOT-DRAGGING AND TO ASCERTAIN WHAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) NOW HAS IN MIND.

2. EMBOFF STRESSED WE ARE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY, AFTER PAINSTAKING CONTACTS BETWEEN FULLER AND IDRO, BETWEEN THE GOA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN (GOI) AND BETWEEN OUR EMBASSY IN TEHRAN AND IRANIAN OFFICIALS -- AND NOW THAT THE GOI APPEARS TO BE AGAIN READY TO DISCUSS FUNDING -- THE GOA HAS CHOSEN TO LAUNCH A FURTHER UNIDO-ASSISTED STUDY OF SMALLER PLANTS. SUCH A COURSE STRIKES US AS REDUNDANT, A MORE COSTLY OPTION THAN A SINGLE LARGE PLANT, AND A FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE GOA TO HONOR A COMMERCIAL COMMITMENT TO A U.S. FIRM. (EMBOFF READ PARA THREE OF REFTEL TO SALAH TO UNDERLINE OUR FEELINGS OF CONSTERNATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT.) SALAH WAS ALSO ASKED DIRECTLY WHETHER THE GOA HAD NOW WHOLLY ABANDONED THE IDEA OF IRANIAN FUNDING.

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3. SALAH REPLIED THAT THE GOA WAS CONSIDERING WHETHER TO SEEK FINANCING OTHER THAN IRANIAN, BUT THAT NO FINAL DECISION HAD BEEN MADE. OPTIONS WERE BEING HELD OPEN FOR THE MOMENT. SALAH ADMITTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHY UNIDO HAD BEEN CALLED IN BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND GET BACK TO US IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HE WOULD ALSO INFORM US

WHETHER A VISIT TO KABUL BY A FULLER REP WOULD BE USEFUL --
HE HIMSELF SAW SUCH A VISIT AS A GOOD IDEA.

4. FYI. THE TWO UNIDO ADVISORS ARE A MR. BOECK FROM THE
NETHERLANDS AND MR. MAREI FROM EGYPT.

5. WILL REPORT SALAH'S RESPONSE AS SOON AS RECEIVED.
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